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BRAXTON BILBREY TO RECEIVE PROCLAMATION FROM MAYOR

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Braxton Bilbrey, the youngest swimmer to cross San Francisco Bay, will visit the Glendale City Council meeting to once again raise awareness for drowning prevention.

The month of August will be proclaimed by Mayor Elaine Scruggs as Drowning Awareness Impact Month. Braxton will receive the proclamation from Mayor Scruggs during the City Council meeting.

In recognition of Drowning Awareness Valley Firefighters, EMS personnel and agencies that promote water safety throughout the year have worn purple ribbons.

To date, there have been 119 water related incidents across the Valley, with 37 total deaths, 6 of those being children. Glendale has responded to 8 incidents, with 6 children and 2 adults. There have been no fatalities.

Tonight's proclamation reminds our community to use supervision, install barriers, and know CPR. Teaching your children how to swim early is also a key to preventing drownings.

For more information on water safety, visit www.glendaleaz.com.

PHOTO OP – Mayor Scruggs will present the proclamation to Braxton at the Glendale City Council Meeting, tonight, Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. at Glendale City Council Chambers, located at 5850 W. Glendale Ave.

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